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OVER THE STATE.

The Flood Situation and Resume of General
News from Texas and Elsewhere.

THE LATEST NEWS RECEIVED

From Abroad--Reports from Various Coun-
ties in Different Parts of the State---
General News.

From Dallas News July 4.

Calvert, Texas, July 3.—The greatest
floods in the Brazos history slowly re-
ceded today and tonight the fall has
amounted to about four feet. There is
still from one to fifteen feet of water
over the rich Brazos bottom planta-
tions and it proved that all crops will
be a total loss.

The first train to reach Calvert for
five days pulled in this afternoon at 7
o'clock.

It was an engine and caboose bearing
three passengers and a few sacks of
mail. Early this morning wire connec-
tion with the outside world was restor-
ed and it was heard from the first time
in four days.

The loss of life so far as known here
is fourteen. Four of these were drowned
in the city of Calvert, all colored.

Tom Tyson and Dave White, negroes,
were drowned in the overflow of Tid-
well creek, north of town.

The water broke over the railroad em-
bankment and came down upon their
houses in a solid wall. The negroes at-
tempted to leave the houses for higher
land and were drowned.

Rosina Brown and child, colored, lived
in a house close to the bank of the
creek. The flood caught the house and
carried it down stream about 200 yards,
here it lodged between two trees.

Rescuers visited the house and found
that both mother and child were
drowned.

T. S. Dawson, a white man, ran a
store at Port Sullivan, near where the
Little Brazos empties into the main
stream. The flood came upon him
with such suddenness that he evidently
did not realize the danger and ran out
to try and save his stock. He was
slightly lame and was unequal to battle
with the raging torrents.

Hundreds of negroes who have been
driven out of the bottom lands by the
floods are homeless and destitute along
the edge of the water.

Will A. Waters of Dallas and a party
of six others arrived here this afternoon
from Hearne. They came across by
boats, all bridges being washed away.

He reported that the bodies of a white
man and seven negroes had been found
lodged against the Port Sullivan bridge
and that it was told him in Hearne that
a white convict and two negroes had
been drowned there.

He said he saw a house floating down
the Little Brazos whirling around in
the current with a man sitting on top
of it utterly unable to help himself.

The water in the main street ran
over the sidewalks, which are over two
feet high, into the business houses.

The rain fell from 9 p. m. until 4 in
the morning.

Friday morning Mayor Meridaith had
the fire bells rung and called the citi-
zens together to build boats and rescue
the people from the bottoms.

In the afternoon the rescuers found
Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge and child and
Miss Mayo in tree tops near the coal
mine camp.

They had been there since 5 o'clock
in the morning.

Friday morning the convicts working
the coal mines were taken across the
Black bridge into Milam county.

Shortly afterwards the water rose and
filled the mines.

The three county bridges across the
Brazos, known as Black bridge, Wildcat
bridge and the Mumford and Port Sulli-
van bridge, have been washed away,
entailing a loss to the county of about
\$35,000. All the bridges on the Little
Brazos were destroyed, which will make
the loss to the county reach about
\$100,000.

The loss to the Houston and Texas
Central railroad in this county is enor-
mous. Superintendent Daffan was seen
tonight and asked to estimate the dam-

age. He said he had not been over all
the washouts and could not tell any-
thing about it.

It is said that the road will practi-
cally have to be rebuilt between this
point and Hearne. Every man that
can be had has been put to work on the
reconstruction and the receding water
is being followed up with track-laying,
crib work and pile-driving. Every ef-
fort is being made to rush the work
and get the road ready for traffic again.

Superintendent Daffan was phoned
from Bremond, where the passenger
train stopped today, that a News rep-
orter and Senator J. A. Wayland were
there and wanted to get into Calvert if
possible.

Mr. Daffan sent an engine and ca-
boose over for them and they were
the first passengers to arrive since Wed-
nesday last.

The Dallas and Galveston News are
selling at a premium and any man who
has a late one can command his own
price, as the town has been five days
without a paper.

Brenham.

Brenham, Tex., July 3.—Mr. Attie
Dever, who has charge of a logging
camp in the swamp, made his way into
Brenham this evening. His camp is
situated at the confluence of the Yegua,
Old river and the Brazos and is perhaps
at the widest point in the bottom, be-
ing twenty miles across it.

Dr. Dever says the distress and destruc-
tion between Clay and Stone utterly
defies all attempts at description.
From farm after farm everything living
has been swept away by the resistless
torrent.

The number of persons drowned can
not now and perhaps will never be as-
certained.

The number of cattle, horses and hogs
can not even be guessed at. Rescuing
parties brought in 150 people to Clay
Station and Independence in two days.

Mr. Dever says thousands of dead
cattle and horses have floated down the
current, lodged in trees and drifted on
the foothills, and the stench arising
from these putrefying carcasses is
simply unendurable. As to improve-
ments, Mr. Dever says absolutely every-
thing is gone and when the water re-
cedes, if these farms are ever improved,
the work must be started "de novo."

He had scarcely finished the recital
of these distressing facts before the peo-
ple came together as if moved by some
unseen power to agree upon what must
be done. Mr. W. A. Wood presided.
He said the situation appealed to our
humanity—called for prompt energies
and spot cash. In less than an hour
several hundred dollars had been raised
and 3000 pounds of provisions were on
the way to the sufferers.

Fort Bend County.

Richmond, Tex., July 3.—More rain
fell today and the river is still rising
and the waters are rapidly spreading
over the country. Reports from the
western part of the county are to the
effect that the Bernard river is up high-
er than it has been for over fifty years
and large numbers of cattle have been
lost.

John Sims, a young man, was drown-
ed in Snake creek, about eighteen miles
from town yesterday afternoon, and at
last accounts the body had not been
recovered.

Burleson County.

Caldwell, Tex., July 3.—The streams
in this county, after passing all high-
water marks, have subsided. Immense
damage has been done crops in the low-

lands, many cattle and hogs have been
lost and it is feared there may be loss of
life and in the Brazos bottom. One
negro boy was drowned in Davidson
creek near here last night. Meager re-
ports from the Brazos bottom.

Bell County.

Belton, Tex., July 3.—The July term
of the district court began here this
morning with Judge J. M. Furman pre-
siding. Owing to the heavy rains and
so many washouts, court was adjourn-
ed until tomorrow, when the grand jury
will be impaneled and discharged.

Reports from various sections of the
county are that a great number of
bridges have been washed away. The
loss will probably reach \$75,000. Trains
on the San Angelo branch of the Santa
Fe are running on time.

The electric light plant has been sub-
merged, and the city has had no lights
for the past two nights.

The Katy trains are running out of
here on time.

Farmers who have reached the city
report a terrible condition of crops, es-
pecially wheat, which has not been
threshed.

Report From Austin.

Austin, Tex., July 3.—In some locali-
ties of the flooded districts of Texas the
situation is improving. The rains dur-
ing the past twenty-four hours have not
been so general and continuous, but a
terrible rainfall is reported to have oc-
curred between Hearne and Hemp-
stead.

The Brazos river is falling in its up-
per course, but is still slowing rising
and inundating additional territory
near the gulf. All hope of the flooded
cotton surviving has now passed, owing
to the long period that it has been un-
der water. Prominent cotton buyers
who are familiar with the yield and pro-

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"TIME IS MONEY."

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Way Home."

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OVER THE STATE

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ductiveness of the flooded region estimate that the total of prospective bales of the staple that have been lost by the high waters is not less than 500,000.

If this estimate is anything near correct the monetary loss from this source alone is fully \$8,000,000. Reports that are now beginning to come in from the several counties in the flooded region bear out the accuracy of the above statement. There are about twenty-two counties almost completely covered with water and the estimated loss of cotton yield in each county is from 15,000 to 30,000 bales. If the waters subside in time there will be some replanting done.

From Navasota.

Navasota, Tex., June 3.—The begin

Use Our Standard Medicinal Preparations!

There are several profits added to the price of Patent Medicines—we get our own preparations at the minimum of one profit. The price of our Standard Medicinal Preparations is minus the jobbers profit, the advertisers profit, and the retailers profit; that's why we can sell our own Preparations 20 per cent less than Patents. They are typical remedies, skillfully prepared and as good as any Patent Preparations; Every one that has used them say so; if you don't come to the same conclusion after trying anyone of our Fifty Preparations, we will exchange for any patent you may choose.

Emmel's

Prescription Pharmacy.

We save your money and your prescriptions. It was a perfect and my dress was informed that p

tion. Fully three feet of water has fallen.

Red Rise Reaches Waco.

Waco, Tex., July 3.—The red rise reported two days ago on its way down reached here at 7 o'clock this morning. It was a small affair. The river is less than half full and falling.

The destruction of property between Clifton and Waco on the Bosque is appalling. Many fishing and pleasure parties known to have been in camp there are unaccounted for.

Settlers in the Bosque valley who lost their homes by the flood tell startling tales of the sudden fifty-foot rise, the like of which was never seen before. Accumulations of drift have changed the course of the stream.

The Katy to the north and Cotton Belt from the east are running.

Navarro County.

Damage was confined to creek bottoms. Navarro county came off with comparatively small losses.

Brookshire.

Brookshire was inundated. The condition of the M. K. & T. bridge there is not known.

North and West Texas.

Reports from Gainesville, Denton, Albany, Rhine, Antelope, Jack county, Abeline, Greenville, Ft. Worth and other points along that line, indicate only good rains—no destructive floods or washouts. In most cases reports from those points indicate rejoicing over the good rain, and benefit to crops.

The Eagle got tired of waiting for news and sent a member of the force north Tuesday, who, after suffering various hardships, falling through bridges and traveling all night, returned with a copy of the Dallas News, of July 4, from which we have culled all the important news, and present it herein.

SOME Good Things TO EAT!

Dr. Foster's

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Sweet

Pickled Bacon

In Strips.

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Houston.....	10	7	3	.588
Austin.....	7	12	3	.368
San Antonio.....	4	13	2	.235

GALVESTON WON.

Galveston, Texas, July 3.—Galveston won today's game easily from Houston by the score of 11 to 1.

Sparger will be given a trial by the St. Louis National league club after the close of the present Texas season.

GAME AT AUSTIN.

Austin, Texas, July 3.—Austin 6, San Antonio 4.

ERNE WHIPS LAVIGNE.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 3.—Frank Erne of this city met George Lavigne of Saginaw, in the arena of the Hawthorne Athletic club tonight, and after fighting twenty fierce and fever rounds, wrestled the lightweight championship of the world from the western man. Over 7000 people watched the contest, which was brimful of exciting episodes and of hard and scientific fighting.

In the seventh round Lavigne received a terrible drubbing and was only saved from a knockout by the timely interference of the gong. Erne was looked upon then as a sure winner, but in the subsequent rounds it was seen that he had lost some of his steam.

It was then found that he had badly injured his left hand in the seventh round.

AGUINALDO QUIET.

There is not a word about Aguinaldo in the dispatches of the 3rd.

NEW RAILROAD.

Calvert, Waco and Brazos Valley.

Calvert, Tex., July 3.—The officials of the International and Great Northern railway have been in town for the last few days perfecting arrangements to build a line of railroad from Lewis Switch, on the International and Great Northern, to Calvert. It was announced yesterday that the deal had been made and the road would be built at once. J. W. Beyers of Hearne has been made agent and manager. The railroad is styled the Calvert, Waco and Brazos Valley, and it is intended to build to Waco ultimately. The International and Great Northern officials who were here were Leroy G. Trice, second vice president and general manager; W. L. Maury, auditor; N. A. Stedman, general attorney; A. R. Howard, treasurer, and J. D. Trammell, commercial agent.

Found Buried Treasure.

Corsicana, Tex., July 3.—Mr. A. B. Graham, a lawyer of this city, who owns a farm on Pin Oak creek, south of Dawson in this county, received a letter from his brother, who resides on the farm, to-day, stating that one of the tenants on the farm named Bob Holland had struck it rich by finding \$2500 in money near his house which had been buried there by no one knows who. The letter states that the unusual heavy rainfall had washed heavily in the ground and it was the action of the water that uncovered the buried money.

A Call to Action.

The populists of Precinct 4, will meet at the courthouse on Saturday the 8th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a precinct club and any other business that may be necessary to the interest of the party.

D. D. Dawson, Pre. Ch'm.
Bryan, June 28, 1899.

FROM BETHEL.

Quite a number of our young men went to see the Brazos river last Sunday. They returned and reported having seen terrible sights caused by the recent floods.

Mr. Put Cole and family were down on the Navasota river during part of the rain before the waters were very high. They went for the purpose of fishing, hunting, etc.

Rev. A. M. Stewart is carrying on a series of meetings at Bright Light church. Do not know how long it will continue.

There was singing at Bethel Sunday afternoon, in the new song books called "The Great Song Feast," all seem pleased with them.

Rev. S. R. McClung went to Grimes county to hold a protracted meeting, but the rain, both, kept him from having a meeting and also from returning home.

Mr. Marion Ferguson and sister, Miss Mary, are both very sick.

Miss Josie Pate is still having fever, this making almost three months since she first took sick. We hope to see her out among her friends real soon.

Miss Winnie Buchanan has been at Wellborn the past week. Sailor.

A Bargain.

A second hand upright piano on payments \$5.00 per month. Address J. M. Willingham, Bryan. The Bush & Gerts Piano man from Dallas.

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GOLD FILLED and STERLING SILVER, SOLID GOLD HEARTS, ETC.

My line of GOLD BROOCHES are up-to-date. I call your attention to my line of Alarm Clocks of high grades continuous alarm. Also cheaper grade fresh and new. Walnut 8-day Clocks as cheap as can be sold. Call for my new silver Metal Spoons, 50 cents per set guaranteed to equal solid silver. We will engrave free of charge from date all goods bought of us, no matter as to price and quantity, we want your trade and will appreciate same. Cut Glass, Silver Novelties, Watches, Etc. at the lowest prices, which must be seen to appreciate the low prices.

J. M. Caldwell, Agt.

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LOCAL NEWS.

J. F. Payne was here from Benchley yesterday.

Two Houses for Rent—Apply to Mrs. F. B. Roberts. 172tf

Squire Peter Thomas was here from Tabor yesterday.

Drink Mount Vernon Pure Rye at the Exposition saloon. 160f

College creamery butter on ice at Clarke & Dansby's. 193

Prof. E. E. Marriott and wife were here from Harvey yesterday.

Fresh strained honey 10 cents a pound at Clarke & Dansby's. 193

R. Newcomb and E. E. Stockton called the Eagle while in town yesterday.

The Madisonville mail was brought in yesterday having been transferred by boat across the river.

The work of putting in bents at the Campbell's creek railroad bridge is still progressing under difficulties.

Arch McCallum, J. B. Walker, T. R. Josey and W. D. Stallings were here yesterday from the Walker settlement.

For accident and life insurance either in lodges or straight life companies see Joe B. Reed. Also sells flour, rice and coffee. 1f

Mrs. A. V. Birkmeyer returned to Bryan after a most pleasant visit to her sister and brother. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Boyett of College.

Fresh cold beer and lunch, Wooten Wells soda water always on hand at V. C. Marek's next door to Saunders & Johnson's. 171tf

James & McDougald have a dried or mummified chicken on exhibition at their drupstore. It is as light as aluminum and quite a curiosity.

A three and a half foot fall in the Brazos river was reported late yesterday afternoon. The west approach of the toll bridge at Pitts Ferry has been washed away.

J. W. Horton of Wheelock, accompanied by D. C. Wheelock, was in the city yesterday, and Mr. Horton called on The Eagle. He reported Cedar creek 20 feet higher than ever known before.

Col. A. M. Rhodes heard over the long distance telephone from Houston yesterday morning that the flood situation is serious at Brookshire and other points, the people being driven to high ground.

Engineer Doyle ran down to the Navasota river below Millican yesterday carrying the mail as far as Millican, where it had to be sorted out and reduced, being too bulky to transfer. It will be transferred over the river this morning. Mr. Doyle says from Monday at noon until 1:35 yesterday afternoon the Navasota river fell only about fourteen or fifteen inches and is still falling very slowly.

The Eagle desires to congratulate the people of Bryan on the organization of a Good Roads club. It was the best day's work the Bryan business men and others have done for the town and county at large for a long time. It is just what The Eagle has been urging recently, and if The Eagle has had some part in stimulating the thought of those who took the tide at its flood at the meeting yesterday and organized the club, we feel very proud indeed of the result. Now let all others who will, sign the enrollment list and help to make the club a success.

Some of the prisoners in the jail attempted to get out Tuesday afternoon by breaking up a place in the corridor floor and attempted to dig under the wall, using an iron cotleg. The attempt was discovered and frustrated by Jail Deputy Geo who has four times discovered similar attempts on the part of prisoners to get out. There are nineteen prisoners in the jail, ten of them being convicts from Allenfarm held here until the roads are open for transfer to Marlin.

A lineman who crossed the Courtney bottom to repair the telegraph wires said he had to splice the poles in places to raise the wires out of the water. He reports the track washed off the dump in places and lodged against the trees.

Dr. J. M. Nicks of Stone City, was one of the callers at The Eagle office yesterday.

Smoke General Arthur cigars—best on earth—sold at the Exposition saloon. 141tf

All kinds of fine millinery very cheap at Mrs. C. M. Proctors. 183tf

For choice Jersey butter call on Mr. P. Beard. 185

Making Train Schedules.

Austin, Tex., July 3.—The railroad commission is hung up over the matter of compelling the International and Great Northern and the Houston and Texas Central night trains to make close connection at Hearne. Judge Reagan can not find any authority under the commission law to make train schedules and pending father investigation in this line the matter is in statu quo. The commission may decline to take a hand in the matter for want of jurisdiction.

Proposal.

Sealed bids will be received by July 18, 1899, by the undersigned committee for the furnishing of 80 cords of good split wood; 60 cords for white school and 20 cords for colored school, bids to be filed with J. A. Myers. Nothing but good wood wanted. Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. A. Myers, chairman,
M. Parker,
M. H. James, Committee

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GOOD ROADS CLUB.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT COURTHOUSE EFFECTS ORGANIZATION.

\$20,000 BOND ISSUE

To be Organized—Petition for Election of 715 Cent Special Tax Levy For 1900.

A big delegation of business and professional men and other citizens called on the commissioner's court yesterday to make representations regarding the long bridge across the Navasota river, the report being current that there was some probability of the bridge being discontinued owing to scarcity of money in the treasury and the heavy demand on the county for road and bridge work as a result of damages by the flood. Burt Norwood and Dr. McDougald canvassed the streets in the interest of the meeting, which proved a much greater success than anticipated after the crowd assembled.

Judge Derernus was the first speaker and addressed the court in behalf of the delegation regarding the advantage of the long bridge both to the town and county. Other speakers were Dr. N. M. McDougald, W. E. Wren, Wm. Koppe, S. M. Derden, W. R. Johnston and others. All urged the advantage of the bridge to the county as a convenience to the people and an avenue of trade and cotton by means of which property values are increased.

The discussion finally became general in application to the roads and bridges of the county, and Judge A. G. Board made a statement urging the organization of a good roads club. This policy is exactly in line with what The Eagle has been urging recently, and at the same time showing what is being done by other neighboring towns along the same line. Judge Board said he was deeply interested in the roads and was willing to spend every dollar available for their improvement but that the treasury was now depleted and the money was not at hand to meet the crisis. He said a club should be formed or some other means devised to raise money to repair and maintain all the roads in the county.

In reply to inquiry by Prof. McInnis, Judge Board said the county was in a position to issue bonds for road improvements and said he favored making a bond issue which can be done without an increase of the tax rate.

Commissioner Edge made a statement setting forth disadvantages under which the court is laboring from lack of finances, and said he favored doubling the road tax by making a 15 cent additional levy.

Commissioner Deens said it was to the interest of the entire county to repair not only the long bridge, but all the bridges in the county, and he favored a bond issue as the best solution of the difficulty.

Commissioner Arrington said "where there's a will there's a way," and he favored road and bridge repairs and improvements by the issue of bonds or any other way of relieve the situation.

At this juncture Prof. L. L. McInnis moved that a Good Roads club be organized, and organization was effected with the following officers: Judge A. G. Board, president; G. S. Parker, P. H. Arrington, W. E. Saunders, vice presidents; Malcolm Carnes, secretary.

On motion the following executive committee was appointed by Judge Board: Prof. L. L. McInnis, chairman; J. N. Cole, J. J. Adams, Walter Wipprecht, J. E. Butler, G. S. Parker.

A resolution prevailed that the people of each community be requested to organize a Good Roads club, and co-operate with this club, and that the executive committee appoint precinct chairman.

A motion prevailed authorizing Judge J. W. Doremus to draw up a petition to be circulated for signatures and presented to the commissioners court asking that an election be ordered for a 15 cents special or additional road and bridge tax levy for 1900.

An enrollment list was opened on the secretary's desk and the following enrolled their names as members of the Good Roads club.

J. A. Myers,
H. Rohde,
W. Wipprecht,
G. S. Parker,
R. G. Tabor,
Will R. Thomas,
A. M. Rhodes,
Burt Norwood,
Jno. McCorquodale,
Sanders Bros. & Co.,
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Joe B. Reed,
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Edge Bros.,
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S. M. Derden,
B. S. Read,
Clarke & Dansby,
S. W. Buchanan,
H. C. Robinson,
W. C. Gilmore,
W. T. James,
R. H. Harrison, Jr.,
T. P. Boyett,
W. L. Turner,
N. W. McDougald,
C. A. Buchanan,
Paul Bradley,
R. S. Webb,
V. J. Dobrovolsky,
J. W. Doremus,
J. W. Leigh,
T. Marielk,
J. D. Conlee,
Sam Levy,

W. E. Wrenn,
A. F. Wilson,
T. D. Sanders,
Chas. Vesmirovski,
A. W. Buchanan,
R. M. Nall,
Charles S. Gainer,
J. N. Cole,
Ben P. Wilson,
L. L. McInnis,
J. J. Adams,
M. G. Nall,
W. J. Christian,
W. F. Gibbs,
C. B. Stillwell,
J. V. Brogdon,
W. C. Brooks,
T. J. Preston,
Malcolm Carnes,
Ed Crenshaw,
W. A. Withers,
J. M. Hare,
D. McDougald,
H. O. Boatwright,
J. W. Batts,
A. J. Buchanan,
D. C. Zuber, and others.

Jno. M. Lawrence. Adjourned.

While the enthusiasm attending the organization of the Good Roads club was at its height, the commissioners court being in session, by majority vote adopted a motion by Commissioner Arrington providing that the court shall issue \$20,000 bonds for road and bridge repair and improvement, the order for said issue to be made at the regular August term of court.

Executive Committee Meeting.

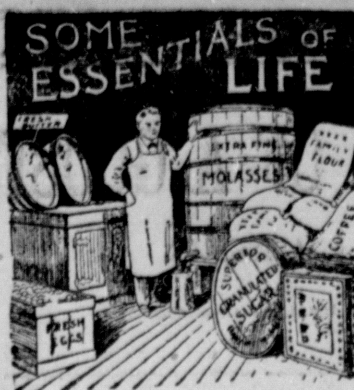
The executive committee of the good road club held a meeting yesterday afternoon, Prof. L. L. McInnis presiding and W. Wipprecht, secretary.

The following precinct chairmen were appointed to organize precinct clubs:

Millican, George Dunlap,
Harvey, C. S. Jones,
Kurten, August Prinzel,
Bryan, A. G. Board,
Stone City, John E. Astin,
Macy, Dr. A. J. White,
College, W. C. Boyett.

The secretary was instructed to mail copies of petition for road and bridge tax special election to the above chairmen to circulate for signatures.

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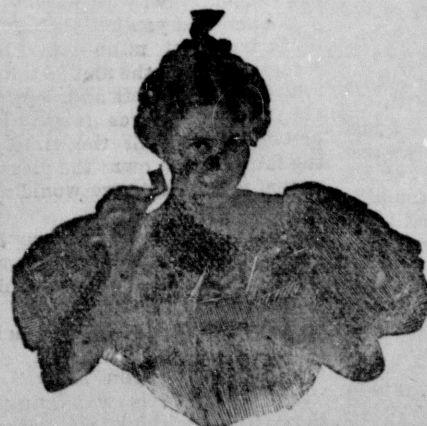
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We had been falling back, for the enemy was in mighty strong force and was pressing us hard. I'd just come over with the re-enforcements from the western army, and things in Virginia were a little new to me, seeing that I'd never been there before. Those fellows in the eastern army were mighty fresh, too, and, thinking that we boys from the west were green, they were always playing jokes on us and stealing our grub and pestering us near about as bad as the Yankees did.

Now, I'm from Kentucky, I tell you, and having a mighty quick temper I got into some musses about it, but that didn't make any difference with me. I wasn't going to be put upon. I wasn't there to be fighting the Yankees all day and then when I went back to camp to find that our own fellows had stolen all my grub. No, sirree, none of that sort of business for me. I'm half horse and half alligator, I reckon. I was born in Adair county, Ky., where the hills rise as straight up as the side of a house, and I cut my eyeteeth mighty young, I tell you. So I just said to myself: "Now, none of you fellows are going to get the best of me. I'll just keep my eye open, and when you try any of your games on me I'll let you have it straight and hard. That's me!"

I wasn't feeling in the best of temper anyway, for I could see things were go-

Then I began casting around for some way of finding something to eat. I'd noticed as we came into camp that we passed through some fields that had been cultivated once, and I guessed there must be a farmhouse somewhere near by. Says I to myself, "The soldiers have been so busy camping they haven't had any time to hunt for farmhouses, and just as soon as there's a bit of dark I'll go and look about myself and see if I can't find something to eat." Then I says out loud to Tom Shaw, that big, long fellow that comes from the next county to me and who always stood by the side of me in the company:

"Tom, do you see that cornfield over there? If I ain't mistook, that means that there's a farmhouse not much farther on. Well, I've been starving to death long enough, and I'm going to see if I can't find something good to eat in it. It's near about dark now, and I guess I'll go right away."

"Better not, Bill Middleton," says Tom Shaw, who was always pesky slow and cautiouslike. "You'll get into trouble soon."

"Trouble be darned!" says I, for I was getting mad. "What worse trouble can there be than starving to death? I'm going, I tell you, Tom Shaw. You can stay here, but if I get anything I'll divide with you fair and square."

had anything to eat for a month and I'm not going to give him up either. That's the long and short of it, so just drop him. I'm not going to give my victuals to chaplains, for I guess you are such—you're soft spoken enough. We do the fighting, and I guess we ought to do the eating too. Now, just drop that goose or I'll make you feel sorry. Drop him, I say!"

"And you say you have had nothing to eat for a month?" says the man, just as cool and calm as ever and still holding on to the goose.

"Well, that may be stretching the truth a little," says I, still mighty fiercelike, "but it ain't much. I tell you, and I'm bound to have that goose anyway!"

I shook my gun more threateninglike than ever. The man didn't appear to be scared, but he handed the goose to me, and he said in a sorrowfullike way, because he had to give up the goose, I reckon:

"Take him, my friend. Your hunger is greater than mine."

Then he turned and walked off.

"Well, pardner," I said to myself as I tucked that big fat gander under my arm, "you're not hard to bluff. That comes of praying all the time and never fighting. You haven't any business in armies. You won't get along anyhow."

Then I tucked the rags of my old coat over the goose and slipped back to the camp. It was worth a whole circus to see big Tom Shaw open his eyes when I showed the goose, so fat and so tempt-

ing.

"Well, you are a trump! You take the whole deck, Bill Middleton!" says he.

Then I told him how I'd bluffed the chaplain looking fellow, and old Tom laughed till he near cried. He agreed with me that that fellow wouldn't get along anyhow.

We roasted the goose, and Tom and I ate him clean up, right down to the bones, and I felt full and happy for the first time in six months.

The next morning we began to fall back again. I was tramping along with Tom and the rest of the company, calculating how I'd capture another fat goose the coming night. I was feeling pretty proud and stuck up, too, for I was the only one of the boys that could find a goose.

Directly a big, gray haired man, riding a gray horse, came up. I was thinking so much about goose that I didn't notice him till he was pretty near on me. He slowed his horse down and said to me as soft as a woman:

"My friend, I hope you enjoyed your goose last night."

"Guess I did," said I in an offhand way, "and I tell you, pardner, you tried to beat me out of him, but I'm not going to let any of you run over me because I haven't been long with the eastern army and you think I'm green."

He laughed a little, ever so pleasant, and then he says, still as soft and gentle as a woman:

"My friend, I yielded him to you willingly. I only hope you fight as well as you forage."

"You bet I do!" says I as he rode off, still smiling to himself.

Then I looked around and saw big Tom Shaw staring at the chaplain looking fellow.

"What are you staring at that way? What's got into you?" says I, madlike, for I didn't like his look.

"Don't you know who that man is, Bill Middleton?" says he.

"I know he's the man I bluffed out of that goose that you helped me to eat last night," says I as carelesslike and as offhand as you please, "but I don't know his name, and I don't know that it makes a bit of difference either."

Then Tom he looks at me and says:

"That's General Lee, the commander in chief!"

And that's the whole story of that goose that the boys who fought in the war with me are always pestering me about, but I can tell you I was mighty glad it stopped right there where it did.

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Those of you in the habit of visiting New York have probably noticed the unusually large number of one armed men in Jersey City. Being one of the largest railroad centers in the country, it turns out about 50 one armed men a year—that is, that many arms are cut off by railroad trains. There was much trouble for these one armed men today because of an alarm which was sent out by the police. The alarm was, "Look out for a one armed man, about 35 years old, shabbily dressed, having \$190 in bills and a bank book in his possession." Inside of three hours over 200 one armed men had been arrested, and among the number was one who had found a lost pocketbook containing the amount above stated. It was returned to the owner, who rewarded the finder.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Pastor's Justification.

The deacon did not try to conceal his displeasure. "You preached a material hell yesterday," he protested warmly, "although it was distinctly understood when you were called to our church that you did not believe in a material hell!"

The pastor bowed stiffly. "Yes, sir," he replied. "It was also distinctly understood that I was to be paid monthly. Since I have received no salary in six months I consider myself absolved from the understanding and free to believe in anything whatsoever! Yes, sir!"—Detroit Journal.

The Colonel's Soft Snap.

They were seated on the swampy margin of a Georgia lake, fishing.

"Looky here, Bill," said the colonel, "I've got a nibble, an I'm afraid to move, fer skeerin' of him off. I think it's a big catfish. But this here seat I'm on is mighty slippery—pears to be slidin' from under me!"

"Good gracious, kunnell!" exclaimed the terrified Bill. "You air a-settin' on a big water moccasin!"

And then the colonel jumped. But he jumped into the lake.—Atlanta Constitution.

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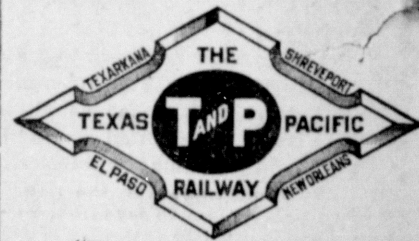
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ing bad, mighty bad. Gosh! A 10-year-old boy that had never been to town could have seen that, for the enemy kept pressing us and pressing us, and our army kept melting and melting away, because when a man got killed there was no new man to take his place. But the fighting wasn't half as bad as the grub. It was mighty scarce, I can tell you. I never expected to see any hog and hominy again until I got to heaven. It was a whole week sometimes when I had nothing to eat but green corn, which I pulled in the field myself, and I tell you green corn every day without something else with it as a kind of sauce is no relishing or strengthening diet. I know, I tell you, because I've been there. Why, I was so hungry I could have eaten an ammunition wagon, heels and all, if they'd been slicked and greased up a little.

Well, we kept up that sort of business, fighting and starving and falling back, and all the time I was cursing old Grant, who kept hammering and hammering away at us and never giving me time to go off and find something solid that would fill the great big hole in my stomach that kept aching and aching and wanting to know why I didn't do something for it. So one day, when we had been fighting with the Yankees until night had near come on, we fell back into a bit of rolling country and went into camp. We showed a strong front to the enemy, and as we were lying on the hills we knew there was no danger of an attack that night. I was so tucked out with the marching and the fighting that I just flopped myself down on the grass and panted, same as I used to do when I'd been coon hunting all night in the hills of old Adair county and my breath had just petered out. I lay there for awhile. Then, jumping Jehoshaphat, but that stomach of mine began talking in the most complaining sort of way! "Nothing to eat! Nothing to eat!" it kept saying to me, and, sure, I didn't know what to do. I pulled a bunch of green grass and chewed just like King Nebuchadnezzar that the Bible tells of, but that didn't do any good, sure. My stomach kept aching and aching more than ever.

With that I put my old rifle over my shoulder and slipped across the cornfield. There were campfires all around in the woods, but I passed the field and then among the campfires without anybody noticing me. Mighty little the army was going to bother itself about one ragged and hungry soldier in gray strolling along. There were too many like me. The lights began to grow scarcer, and directly I came down a little hill and saw a lone fire twinkling at the bottom of it. There were two men by the fire and something else, and, Lord, how my mouth watered at the sight of that something else! It was a great big, white, fat goose! How my stomach jumped and cried out! That goose was so plump and so nice and so round! One of the men was picking the goose, and the other, a big, mild chaplain looking fellow, was looking on. I tell you, my appetite grew sharper than a razor, and I stood there with my eyes on that goose. Directly the man who was picking him put him down on the leaves and walked off toward the middle of the camp, on some errand, I guess. The other man picked up the goose. Then it came to me like a shot what to do.

I walked up to the chaplain looking man, stopped stock still, dropped my gun off my shoulder and said in a kind of threatening way:

"Where did you get that goose?"

"A friend of mine found him in a farmyard," says the man, a tall, preacherlike fellow, as soft and easy as if he didn't see that I was mighty mad and getting madder all the time, "and as the family who own the place had departed we thought we would appropriate him."

"Appropriate nothing!" says I, bolder than ever. "Don't you know that's my goose and you're stealing him?"

"How was I to know that?" says he, still as mild and pleasant as a summer morning.

"Well, don't you know," says I, "that no goose is wandering around these times without an owner? And that one there is mine, I tell you. I was right after him when that friend of yours came along and stole him from me right under my eyes, and I haven't